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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

***Ex Parte Notice***

**RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Wednesday, October 1, 2003, Glenn Brown of McLean and Brown, John Duda of Fairpoint Communications, and John Rose and Stuart Polikoff of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) met with Chris Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell. We discussed OPASTCO's views on wireless competition in rural areas, issues being considered in the Universal Service Joint Board's portability proceeding, and petitions for eligible telecommunications carrier status that are pending before the Commission. We provided Mr. Libertelli with a written ex parte presentation, which is attached.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,

Stuart Polikoff  
Director of Government Relations  
OPASTCO